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## Claim 17 (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) A string binder comprising:

at least one strand of a fibrous carrier substrate;

at least one layer of a solvent-free binder resin composition applied to [[a]]  
each of said at least one strand of said fibrous carrier substrate, said solvent-free  
resin composition comprising a thermoformable liquid binder resin material  
having an acid value of less than about 30 mg KOH/g of resin; and

at least one layer of a post-coating of a catalyst composition applied to said  
outer one of said at least one of said solvent-free binder resin composition, said  
catalyst composition comprising an effective amount of a catalyst having a high  
activation temperature.

## Claims 22-28 (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) A multi-end roving comprising:

a) one or more strands of a reinforcing fibers material; and

b) one or more strands of a string binder, said string binder comprising:  
at least one strand of a fibrous carrier substrate;

at least one layer of a solvent-free binder resin composition applied to [[a]]  
each of said at least one strand of said fibrous carrier substrate, said solvent-free  
resin composition comprising a thermoformable liquid binder resin material  
having an acid value of less than about 30 mg KOH/g resin; and

at least one layer of a post-coating of a catalyst composition applied to said  
outer one of said at least one layer of said solvent-free binder resin composition,  
said catalyst composition comprising an effective amount of a catalyst having a  
high activation temperature.

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30. (Original) The multi-end roving of claim 29, in the form of chopped segments.

31. (Original) The multi-end roving of claim 30, wherein the chopped segments are from about  $\frac{1}{2}$ " to about 3" in length.